

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

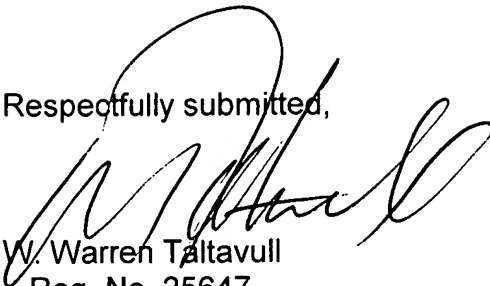
The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-6 is gratefully acknowledged and these claims have been amended to incorporate the Examiner's suggestion.

In response to the rejection to claim 3 for being anticipated by ROSE (U.S. 5,234,047), ROSE does not disclose a location indentation to provide a location projection on the precursor casting with the dimensional relationships set forth in claim 3. Currently amended claim 3 provides a better description of the dimensional relationships as well as the inclusion a cavity and its function in order to further distinguish the present invention from ROSE.

The claimed arrangement in the present invention has the advantage of spreading out strain in the material forming the cast member and thereby reduces the tendency of said material to re-crystallize in the region of the location projection during the final stage of the investment casting process. ROSE does not disclose this beneficial feature or the structure to achieve it.

Entry of this amendment is solicited, is believed appropriate, and is believed to distinguish the invention from the cited reference. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are believed in order and are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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